Social Planning Council
of Winnipeg

Annual Report
2015-2016

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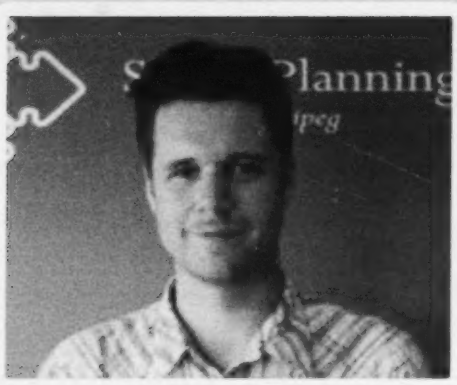


President's Report

This has been a period of transition for the Social Planning Council of Winnipeg. Our organization has made some changes but we've also had to react to our changing environment. We've had changes in governments and also in our own leadership. I was happy to be elected President five months ago and look forward to bringing my experiences and skills to the position.

Leah Gazan resigned as our President due to her multiple commitments to her community. Her leadership within SPCW and elsewhere is invaluable and we can't thank her enough for her contributions to our organization over the past five years. Sandy Gessler has been an anchor on our board for many years and the depth of her commitment to social justice and SPCW is inspiring. She has resigned as Past President after eight years on the board. Charles Thrift and Jessica Dumas also had to step off the board given their many other community commitments. We thank them for their contributions to our work.

Our board has actively recruited new members to further the work of the community and SPCW. We look forward to welcoming new members, Andi Sharma, Kobra Rahimi, Vani Sathiyamurthi and Larry Wucherer. With these new members we welcome new skills, energy and focus. Over the course of the Fall, we will be going through a full strategic planning process. We'll be engaging with partners, members and other stakeholders to ensure our work continues to be relevant and vital in their work and daily lives.

I look forward to working with our board, staff, partners and communities to further the work of creating an inclusive and equitable city.

In Solidarity,

Tyler Blashko
SPCW Board President

John Harvard

While John Harvard resigned at last year's AGM due to health concerns, we could not let this year go by without acknowledging our loss at his death. He was a valued board member and he took his volunteer work as seriously as he took his roles as MP and Lieutenant Governor. His contributions were many and his voice will be missed.

Executive Director's Report

When I began with the SPCW a year ago February, I had an idea of the breadth and depth of the work of the organization but not the pace. I had assumed, naively, my having come from the John Howard Society of Manitoba where client crises meant we often worked in crisis mode, that things would be slower here. They are not. The number of initiatives that were underway or just beginning as I did meant that I had to catch–up or at least get out of the way so that the work could continue. And the work did continue thanks to an incredible staff and active board of directors.

This report on our activities from April 1st, 2015 to March 31st, 2016 highlights just some of the work of the organization and our wonderful partners. The Street Census alone saw 20 organizations help about 300 volunteers make contact with over 1,700 people needing supports. The stories shared should provide better information so we can eliminate homelessness once and for all. We simply can't list everyone but later in the report, we have tried to thank all in the most active coalitions from this past year. However there are a few initiatives that technically fall in to the 16/17 year and we will report more fully next year but I did want to make a quick mention of them here.

On May 28th, 2016, with Federal, Provincial and City of Winnipeg funding along with a tremendous amount of work from city staff and community almost 800 of the approximate 850 refugees who settled in Winnipeg were welcomed at a family fun and resource fair. The day turned beautiful just in time to share food and cultural performances while newcomer families were given important information on the resources available to help them settle here. Ministers McCallum and Wishart brought greetings from the Federal and Provincial government while Councilor Cindy Gilroy, chair of the Citizen Equity Committee did the same for the City.

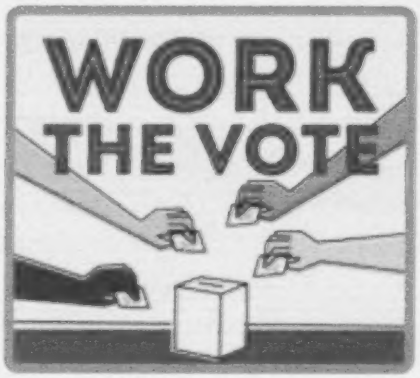
With over 60% of the Syrian refugees being under the age of 17, the Province through Manitoba Children & Youth Opportunities has funded a contract position for IPW to pull together a Summer Refugee Youth Plan so that when school is out and parents are still trying to find their feet, they will know what there is for their children to do for health and fun. Warda Ahmed, our practicum student from last year, was able to step into the coordinator's role.

June 9th saw the launch of the Towards Equity in Education report. This was a partnership with the SPCW, Manitoba Association of School Superintendents, Manitoba Education and Training and the Manitoba School Boards Association. Funding was provided by Manitoba Education and Training and the Manitoba's Teachers' Society. Again we'll report more on this project next year but I wanted to take the opportunity to draw as

much attention as possible to the good work that is going on in our education system so that it can be built on.

The move to our new location has worked out very well even though parking is not as convenient as on Donald Street. It is good to be back at a more central and ground level location. In future, we hope to use our large bank of windows for infographics etc. to let people know more about social justice and the work we do. Fred Douglas Place, our landlord, has been very welcoming and accommodating.

Through a SPARK match we have been working towards 'upping our game' with social media. We have some website issues to resolve but we will be launching a full campaign in the coming year. As Tyler mentioned, we will also be engaging in a strategic planning process to take us into our next century of operations. Having come out of the 1919 General Strike, April 2019 will be our 100th Anniversary!



As I mentioned, most of the work of this past year was under way to some degree or other when I started with SPCW. And again this report only touches on some of it! I'm afraid I probably exhausted our very patient United Way project officer, Tamara Ingrilli, and their volunteers with our annual update of over 30 pages. However, a few projects came our way rather out of the blue. An anonymous privately directed donation through the Winnipeg Foundation allowed us to run a get the vote out campaign geared to the inner city ridings. These ridings traditionally have low voter turnout as many who live there are marginalized by poverty. Our goal was to demystify and encourage voting to those who may have never 'bothered' thinking that it was either too difficult or didn't matter. There were many get the vote out campaigns, so we would never take sole credit, but when we compared voter turnout from the 2011 federal election to 2015's, there was a 10% to 20% increase in voters for all 5 of the ridings we targeted. We also helped put on a one day forum based on the information gathered from the reference book Poor Housing and the Social Determinants of Health and we facilitated a community consultation on the All Aboard report for the provincial government that focused on those living with disabilities. We were also contacted by Statistics Canada and asked to help encourage Census 2016 participation.

The core funding provided by United Way Winnipeg gives us the stability to be available and act on these opportunities while pursuing other work that fits into our vision and mandate to create a more just, caring and equitable community. Thank you to all staff, board, coalitions, funders and our membership for partnering in this work. I would also like to extend my thanks to Dennis Lewycky, my predecessor, for all his help during this transition year.

- Kate Kehler
Executive Director

Projects and Strategic Priorities

The Social Planning Council of Winnipeg does a lot in different areas. We work on many projects, coalitions, and reports. This work is broad but it is all guided by our four Strategic Priorities.

At our annual review, board and staff listed the different initiatives and coalitions we worked on this past year to ensure we are staying true to our current priorities. As you can see, some fit under multiple priorities while others under only one. However, they are all connected.

Increase Incomes and fairly distribute the wealth of society

Budget responses
Winnipeg Plan to End Youth Homelessness
Right 2 Housing
Make Poverty History Manitoba
Employment and Income Assistance Advocates Network
Living Wage
Basic Income
All Aboard Consultation and Report
Immigration Partnership Winnipeg
Winnipeg Poverty Reduction Council
Aboriginal Chamber of Commerce

Improve access to public resources

Homeless Individual and Family Information System
Budget Response
City Watch
Equity in Education
Winnipeg Plan to End Youth Homelessness
Data Consortium
Main Street C.C.
Make Poverty History Manitoba
Employment and Income Assistance Advocates Network
Basic Income Network
Encouraging census participation
Immigration Partnership Winnipeg
Restorative Justice Association

Empower communities to represent and act to improve their quality of life

Homeless Individual and Family Information System
City Watch
Budget Response
Equity in Education
Street Census
Winnipeg Plan to End Youth Homelessness
Data Consortium
Main Street C.C.
Make Poverty History Manitoba
Employment and Income Assistance Advocates Network
All Aboard Consultation and Report
Get the Vote Out Campaign
Encourage Census participation
Immigration Partnership Winnipeg
Restorative Justice Association
Winnipeg Poverty Reduction Council
Aboriginal Chamber of Commerce
Advocate for more political activity within the charitable status framework
Celebrating the 100th anniversary of our organization and the Winnipeg General Strike

Increase the availability and improve access to safe, healthy housing

Homeless Individual and Family Information System
Budget Response
Street Census
Winnipeg Plan to End Youth Homelessness
Right 2 Housing
Main Street C.C.
Make Poverty History Manitoba
Employment and Income Assistance Advocates Network
All Aboard Consultation and Report
Immigration Partnership Winnipeg

Coalitions and Partners

Thank you to all the organizations, groups, committees and individuals who we worked with in 2015-16. So many of you have contributed, that this is inevitably an incomplete list. Please let us know if we have left anyone out and we will update!

Make Poverty History Manitoba

- Michael Barkman
- Patricia Baker
- Kirsten Bernas
- Harold Dyck
- Lorie English
- Damon Johnson
- Molly McCracken
- Lynda Trono
- Laura Rempel
- Michael Acceptance Chin

Right to Housing

- Clark Brownlee
- Ellen Kruger
- Bill Muir
- Tyler Pearce
- Laura Rempel
- Tim Sale
- Nancy Testar

EIA Advocates Network

- Adriana Brydon
- Marianne Cerilli
- Todd Donahue

End Homelessness Winnipeg

- Louis Sorin
- Erika Wiebe

Manitoba Research Alliance

- Jess Klassen

Immigration Partnership Winnipeg

IPW Steering Committee

- Salwa Medri – *Réseau en Immigration Francophone*
- Liz Robinson – *Education and Training*
- Tony Tavares – *Education and Advanced Learning Manitoba*
- Clive Wightman – *City of Winnipeg*
- Jeanette Edwards – *Winnipeg Regional Health Authority*
- Bequie Lake and Michelle Strain – *Manitoba Immigrant and Refugee Settlement Sector Association*
- Teresa Burke – *Manitoba English as Additional Language Organizations*
- Roy Vallance – *Employer Representative*
- Carol Paul – *Manitoba Construction Sector Council*
- Sarah Tubman – *Recent Refugee*
- Alka Kumar – *Recent Immigrant*
- Damon Johnston – *Aboriginal Council of Winnipeg*
- Daniel Peimbert – *Immigrant Centre (Representing Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce)*

Thank you for steering IPW through our first two years!

IPW Council

- Liz Robinson and Tehani Jainarine – *Province of Manitoba*
- Clive Wightman – *City of Winnipeg*
- Jeanette Edwards – *Winnipeg Regional Health Authority*
- Salwa Medri – *Réseau en Immigration Francophone*
- Maeengan Linklater – *Indigenous Community*
- Jim Hunt – *Business Council of Manitoba*

Coalitions and Partners

- Ted Fransen – *Manitoba Association of School Superintendents*
- Nadia Kidwai – *Immigrant Community*
- Louise Simbandumwe – *Refugee Community*
- Rey Pagtakhan – *former Member of Parliament and Immigrant Community*
- Bob Silver – *CEO Western Glove Works*
- Natasha Mohammed – *Multiculturalism Canada*
- Kathy Knudsen – *United Way Winnipeg*
- Richard Cloutier – *CJOB*
- Lori Wilkinson – *University of Manitoba*
- Robert Vineberg – *Former Regional Director General, Citizenship and Immigration Canada*
- Greg Dandewich – *Economic Development Winnipeg, Inc.*
- *A representative from the Winnipeg Police Service*

We look forward to working with you all!

Winnipeg Street Census

- Aboriginal Health and Wellness
- Canadian Centre for Policy Alternative – Manitoba
- Canadian Mental Health Association, Manitoba and Winnipeg
- EAGLE Urban Transition Centre
- Institute of Urban Studies
- The John Howard Society of Manitoba
- Lived Experience Circle
- Macdonald Youth Services
- Main Street Project
- Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre
- Mount Carmel Clinic
- Resource Assistance for Youth
- Rossbrook House
- Salvation Army Booth Centre
- Siloam Mission
- Spence Neighbourhood Association
- Sunshine House
- West Central Women's Resource Centre
- Winnipeg Poverty Reduction Council and End Homelessness Winnipeg

Winnipeg Plan to End Youth Homelessness

Steering Committee

- Chair: Kelly Holmes – *Resource Assistance for Youth*
- Phil Chiappetta – *Rossbrook House*
- Marie Christian – *VOICES: Manitoba's Youth in Care Network*
- Tammy Christensen – *Ndinawemaaganag Endaawaad Inc.*
- Paywapan Colomb – *EAGLE Urban Transition Centre*
- Marion Cooper – *Canadian Mental Health Association, Manitoba and Winnipeg*
- Karen Ferris – *Youth Agencies Alliance*
- Randy Flett – *Youth Advisor*
- Sean Gander – *New Directions for Children, Youth, Adults and Families*
- Shohan Illsley – *The 595 Prevention Team*
- Jamil Mahmood – *Spence Neighbourhood Association*
- Diane Redsky and Kirby Fults – *Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre*
- Kelly Schettler – *Macdonald Youth Services*
- Mike Tutthill – *Rainbow Resource Centre*

Ex-Officio Members

- Naomi Leadbeater – *Brandon Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation*
- Louis Sorin – *End Homelessness Winnipeg*
- Jill Perron and Perry Goddard – *Manitoba Housing and Community Development*

Just TV is also creating a video to accompany the launch of the report in the fall of 2016

Coalitions and Partners

Restorative Justice Association

- Mark Grindey – *Community*
- Heather Klassen – *Community*
- Neil Funk-Unrah – *Community and CMU*
- Hennes Doltze – *Salvation Army Corrections*
- Gail Schellenberg – *Initiatives for Just Communities*
- Maria Bromilow – *Life's Journey*
- Shannon Allard-Chartran – *Manitoba Metis Federation*
- Roy Smith – *Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakinak*
- John Hutton – *The John Howard Society of Manitoba*
- Victor Kaicombey – *Kaicombey Foundation*
- Megan Bowman – *Mediation Services*
- Hillary Murdock – *Fisher River*
- Julia Robson and Karen Swain – *Onashowewin*
- *Manitoba Justice*
- *Winnipeg Police Service*

Outstanding individuals

- Reinaldo Contreras
- Catherine Gates
- Patrick Falconer
- Carole O'Brien
- Jim Silver
- Dennis Lewycky
- Maria Godoy
- Christian Cassidy
- Roger Girard

Others we have been fortunate to work with

- 13 Fires
- Aboriginal Youth Organization
- Amalgamated Transit Workers
- Basic Income Manitoba
- Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives – Manitoba
- Canadian Community Economic Development Network – Manitoba
- Canadian Federation of Students
- ChangeMakers
- Cosmetic Pesticide Ban Manitoba
- Fernwood Press
- Green Action Centre
- Manitoba Bill Affordability Working Group
- Manitoba Federation of Labour
- Manitoba League of People with Disabilities
- Manitoba Government Employees Union
- Next Up
- NorWest Co-op Community Health Centre
- Red Rising Cooperative
- University of Winnipeg Student's Association
- West Central Women's Resource Centre
- WestEnd Commons
- Winnipeg Harvest
- Winnipeg Poverty Reduction Council

We hope to continue working with you all and add to this amazing list with the Summer Refugee Youth Planning, Equity in Education and the now Annual Welcome to Winnipeg Newcomer Family Resource Fair committees!

2015/2016 Staff and Students

Staff

Kate Kehler

Executive Director

Cindy Hoover

Office Manager

Christina Maes Niño

Community Animator

Josh Brandon

Community Animator

Abdi Ahmed

IPW Coordinator

Sara Wray Enns

Resource Coordinator *(since December 2015)*

Albert McLeod

Coordinator WPEYH *(July 2015 - February 2016)*

Pam Sholdice

Resource Coordinator *(to September 2015)*

Students

Practicum Students

Erin Arcand
Karn Gill
Fiona Jackson
Warda Ahmed

Funded by The Winnipeg Foundation

Olena Ptukha

Funded by Canadian Summer Jobs

Lenard Monkman

New Staff for 2016

Warda Ahmed

Community Recreation Coordinator, IPW

Noëlle DePape

Community Engagement Coordinator, IPW

Community Animator: Christina Maes Niño

Bringing Community Together to Understand and Address Homelessness

In 2015/16, the SPCW's work on homelessness included coordinating the Winnipeg Street Census, developing a strategy around integrated information systems between Winnipeg's three emergency homeless shelters, and being the lead administrative body for coordinating a Winnipeg Plan to End Youth Homelessness.

For many years, the Social Planning Council has worked to build solid, reciprocal relationships with our partners in the community who provide direct services to people experiencing homelessness. This year, the outcomes of these partnerships were more public and tangible than usual. Most frontline workers I speak to say that strong relationships with participants are the only way they can be effective in their work; the same can be said for being effective in the community-based, participatory research and planning projects for which SPCW is known.

The Winnipeg Street Census marked the first ever attempt at a comprehensive view of homelessness in Winnipeg. We sought to ask not only how many people are homeless, but to learn why and to hear their stories. Winnipeg's thorough, participatory, community-based approach became a model for other jurisdictions across Canada conducting what are called "point-in-time counts". We and our partners at the Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre were able to share our recommendations for involving Indigenous organizations at two National Point-in-Time Count workshops. We presented our learnings on involving people with lived experience of homelessness at the Canadian Housing and Renewal Association Congress. Our recommendations for principles and actions to address homelessness were provided to funders, policy makers, and government.

As in previous reports on homelessness developed by the SPCW, we used data from Winnipeg's emergency shelters to fill in details about who experiences homelessness and for how long. Though not everyone who experiences homelessness stays in a shelter, these organizations provide essential emergency and basic needs resources to hundreds of people every night. In doing so, they therefore collect information about the needs and demographics of people who are experiencing homelessness every night. In 2014, pilot project funding allowed us to support the Main Street Project, Siloam Mission, and the

Salvation Army Winnipeg Booth Centre to develop a plan for integrating their existing information systems, using a community-owned and collaborative approach. We have continued to implement this strategy over the previous year. While an information management project seems like it would simply be a technical challenge, the sustainable, effective partnership needed to do things differently – to change practices together rather than individually. Their work will make a lasting impact on improved service delivery. We anticipate that in future years, this information system will also provide Winnipeggers with better data about homelessness beyond a "point-in-time" snapshot.

This time last year, funding was confirmed for us to embark on the development of a Winnipeg Plan to End Youth Homelessness. Throughout the year we have had many conversations, interviews, focus groups, and planning sessions with youth who have experienced homelessness and the people working to serve them every day. We are in the process of developing strategies around youth homelessness prevention, access to the right type of housing and support at the right time, ongoing support for youth to thrive, and system integration. Throughout the summer, our Steering Committee will be working with End Homelessness Winnipeg, funders, governments, and other key stakeholders to confirm these strategies and develop an implementation structure that is transparent, representative, and effective.

In all these projects, we've had incredible support this year from so many individuals and partners. While daunting and difficult, the passion and commitment so many Winnipeggers share to address homelessness in socially just ways is inspiring. I hope that in three years, we can look back on the relationships strengthened and understanding enhanced and see how it has improved the lives of people experiencing homelessness.

- Christina Maes Niño
Community Animator

Community Animator: Josh Brandon

Make Poverty History Manitoba Made Waves in 2015/16

Make Poverty History Manitoba led a grassroots campaign to put poverty on the agenda in the 2016 provincial election. The KNOW Poverty campaign focused on 6 key priorities: Develop a comprehensive plan with targets and timelines for ending poverty, raise the minimum wage so that it becomes a living wage, build 12,000 spaces of subsidized childcare, invest in community mental health, double EIA basic needs rates, and create 300 units of social housing per year. These priorities were developed on the basis of extensive community consultations that determined these to be the most important actions needed to lift Manitobans out of poverty.

During the course of the KNOW Poverty campaign, we attracted the support of over 60 community organizations, non-profits, unions and businesses who endorsed the campaign. We raised $13,000 – largely from our union allies – to mobilize the public to make poverty elimination a campaign priority in 2016. We also received support through a SPARK match from ChangeMakers, a public communications company which provided us in kind support worth over $25,000. They helped us with developing a communications strategy, campaign branding and materials. Steering committee, members, supporters, sector leaders, and volunteers collectively donated hundreds of hours.

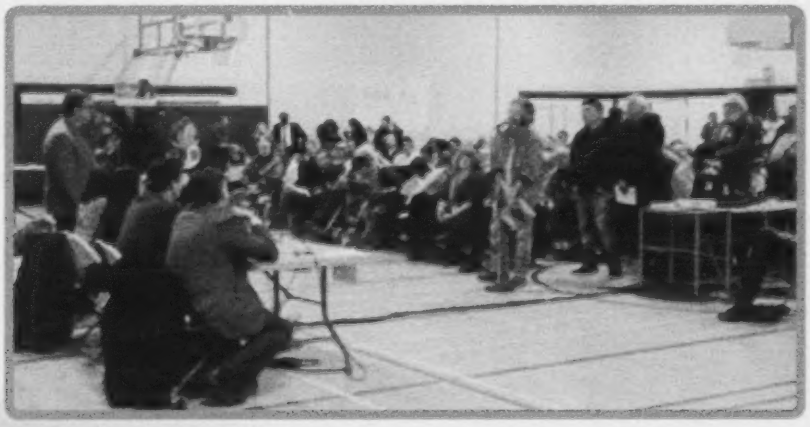
We launched our campaign at West Central Women's Centre in December 2015 to a packed room of supporters. Over the following four months, we conducted a multifaceted and multimedia campaign. We purchased billboards on most of the major commuter arteries in Winnipeg. We released a three minute video "Do you know about poverty?", starring community members, produced by Carole O'Brien, and featuring

donated music by local vocal group Chic Gamine. We held a townhall debate on poverty with representatives of the four major political parties attended by over 200 people at Gordon Bell High School. We wrote several opinion pieces, including a detailed analysis of each of the party platforms on poverty that was published as an e-book by Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives – Manitoba. We also supported partner events including rallies held in support of building social housing and raising the minimum wage.

As a result of our interventions, the political conversation in Manitoba shifted. Each of the political parties made direct reference to poverty in their election platforms, a positive shift from the past. The Green Party developed a detailed and cost plan for a guaranteed annual income type benefit. The Liberals discussed multiple poverty objectives including a Mincome style pilot project. The NDP adopted platforms on childcare and housing that closely mirrored the demands of the coalition, and also made promises on minimum wage and targets and timelines that were influenced by Make Poverty History Manitoba's platform. The Progressive Conservatives, who ultimately won the election, also reached out. Their platform discussed the growing problem of child poverty. During the televised leader's debate, Brian Pallister made direct mention of Make Poverty History Manitoba in relation to their support of raising EIA shelter benefits.

The Social Planning Council of Winnipeg has played a key role in the Make Poverty History Manitoba coalition, hosting meetings and providing institutional backbone support. I have been very happy to act as chair and spokesperson. Our support for this coalition has allowed us to advance our strategic priorities of building a fairer, more equitable and sustainable Winnipeg.

- Josh Brandon
Community Animator



Immigration Partnership Winnipeg: Abdikheir Ahmed

The Immigration Partnership Winnipeg (IPW) is a partnership between the Social Planning Council of Winnipeg (SPCW) and the Manitoba Association of Newcomer Serving Organizations (MANSO) to provide a collaborative framework to facilitate the development and implementation of sustainable local solutions for the successful integration of newcomers to Winnipeg.

The overall goal of the IPW is to support the economic and social inclusion of newcomers to Winnipeg by coordinating community-level planning, facilitating communication amongst stakeholders and identifying needs of newcomers through consultations with decision-makers in community organizations and institutions as well as newcomers themselves.

The IPW Project was funded for a two-year pilot period (2014-2016) with the following initial goals;

1. Establish an inclusive partnership council that is broad-based and representative of the community, and create terms of reference
2. Conduct research on newcomers needs and the community's assets and gaps, and raise awareness of these needs with the partnership's members and the wider community
3. Establish a local settlement strategy identifying key priorities for the community
4. Develop action plan with specific, measurable and time-bound activities to implement the community's strategic priorities
5. Support the initial implementation of the action plan and report on results achieved

The second goal on conducting research on the community's needs, assets and gaps was accomplished during the first year of the pilot project and the other four goals were implemented during this past year.

The Partnership Council is composed of high level decisions makers representing diverse stakeholders. These include the three levels of government, business organizations, the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority, the education sector, refugee and immigrant voices, Indigenous community voices, the settlement services sector, United Way Winnipeg, a representative from the Francophone community and the media. Four sector tables that will focus on four strategic priorities will guide the work of the Council along with an immigrant and refugee advisory table that will ensure the decisions of the Council meet the real needs of newcomers.

Building on the research from the previous year and further community consultations, the project identified these key strategic priorities:

1. Enhancing bridges between the Indigenous and newcomer communities through the creation of new opportunities and the further development of current practices that enable and facilitate cross cultural learning, understanding and support.
2. Supporting the creation or expansion of progressive policies and practices that improve employment outcomes through stable and meaningful opportunities for newcomers.
3. Enhancing public understanding of and value for newcomers and immigration to Winnipeg.
4. Increasing active and meaningful newcomer participation in the fabric of our city to ensure their voice is in the governmental and civic processes.

These strategic priorities will guide the work of the sector tables and the council for the next three years (2016-2019). Action plans with specific, measurable and time bound activities have also been created through the project's work.

In addition to the initial contracted activities, IPW also contributed to the resettlement process for the arrival of an unprecedented number of Syrian refugees to Winnipeg. IPW contributed to the development of the Manitoba response by ensuring the inclusion of ethnocultural associations and faith groups in the process. This involved facilitating strategic partnerships between the settlement sector, the provincial government and the ethnocultural and faith communities involved in supporting Syrian refugees. This helped in clarifying a number of issues for each group and in the understanding of the role each played. It was a tremendous undertaking to accept so many in such a short period of time, however, the goodwill and hard work of all our partners made it a success.

Immigration Partnership Winnipeg would like to thank the members of the steering committee who guided its work during the first two years including the establishment of an enduring organizational infrastructure. IPW would also not have been successful without the support of the major partners, SPCW and MANSO.

In the coming year, the project will focus on the implementation of the strategic priorities and action plans. The Council will be meeting on a quarterly basis to advocate for issues from the action plans prioritized and recommended by the sector tables. While we will continue to help with the efforts to settle the Syrian refugees, our goal remains that all newcomers have the support and opportunities needed so they can contribute to the social and economic potential of our City.

- Abdikheir Ahmed,
Director, Immigration Partnership Winnipeg

Practicum Student: Warda Ahmed

I was fortunate enough to have done my practicum here at the Social Planning Council of Winnipeg in 2015-2016 school year, as part of my final year for my Social Work degree. Before I went to school full time in 2015, I had spent 7 years working in the settlement service sector of Winnipeg, so when it was time for me to choose a practicum field, I was interested in doing something very different. I wanted to be somewhere where I could broaden my skills, be challenged and be able to grow as a Social Worker. I applied at the SPCW knowing very little about the organization. I was very nervous to find out that people here did research and worked on policy "stuff"... I worried that I might not be able to catch up and felt this was a huge undertaking for me as a student. What I was forgetting was that I was not an employee and that I was a student and that I was here to learn. What I discovered a year later is that, in my eyes, I was the most fortunate Inner City Social Work student to have spent my final year getting mentored and taught by some of the movers and shakers of our city!

My supervisor, Christina, taught me on daily basis what it meant to learn and teach while we care for ourselves and those for whom we work. My time here is the reason I was able to visualize where I see myself in the next few years. Social justice is a way of life for these folks and I am now one of them. I recognise issues of exclusion and inequity and understand how action can be taken quickly with community partners to address them. I am constantly striving to build bridges with other professionals and communities to create opportunities for myself to learn but also to advocate for the community at large. The sky is not the limit, my education and resilience is limitless and SPCW has given me that last push I needed to be able to understand that! Forever grateful!

- Warda Ahmed,
Practicum Student and now Community Recreation Coordinator with IPW

2015/2016 Board of Directors

Executive

Past President Sandra Gessler (resigned May, 2016)
President Leah Gazan (resigned November 2015)
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Vice President Glenn Michalchuk
Treasurer Karl Gowenlock

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John Silver
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Marta Tibebe Terffa
Shahzad Musaddiq
Wade Parke
Ryan Bruyere
Catherine Wirt
Jessica Dumas (resigned September 2015)
Charles Thrift (resigned as of AGM 2016)

Web Links

Social Planning Council

www.spcw.mb.ca

Immigration Partnership Winnipeg

www.ipw.ca

Make Poverty History Manitoba

www.makepovertyhistorymb.com

Winnipeg Street Census

www.streetcensuswpg.ca

Winnipeg Plan to End Youth Homelessness

www.wpeyh.ca

EIA Advocates Network

www.eianetwork.wordpress.com

Many Thanks to Our Supporters

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REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR ON THE SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

To the Members of
Social Planning Council of Winnipeg

The accompanying summary financial statements, which comprise the summary statement of financial position as at March 31, 2016, and the summary statement of operations and changes in fund balances are derived from the audited financial statements of Social Planning Council of Winnipeg for the year ended March 31, 2016. We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those financial statements in our report dated June 17, 2016.

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations. Reading the summary financial statements, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial statements of Social Planning Council of Winnipeg.

Management's Responsibility for the Summary Financial Statements
Management is responsible for the preparation of a summary of the audited financial statements.

Auditor's Responsibility
Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the summary financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Canadian Auditing Standard (CAS) 810, "Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements".

Opinion
In our opinion, the summary financial statements derived from the audited financial statements of Social Planning Council of Winnipeg for the year ended March 31, 2016 are a fair summary of those financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Deloitte LLP

Chartered Accountants

June 17, 2016
Winnipeg, Manitoba

SOCIAL PLANNING COUNCIL OF WINNIPEG
Summarized Financial Statements
Year ended March 31, 2016

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	2016	2015
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash	$ 207,080	$ 137,574
Accounts receivable	30,252	81,462
Prepaid expenses	10,233	2,537
	247,547	221,573
FIXED ASSETS	45,410	4,676
	$ 292,957	$ 226,249
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	$ 23,891	$ 42,976
Deferred Special Projects revenue	54,948	43,055
Current portion of deferred leasehold improvements	4,514	-
	83,353	86,031
DEFERRED LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS	36,109	-
	119,462	86,031
FUND BALANCES		
REVENUE STABILIZATION	50,000	50,000
TECHNOLOGY REPLACEMENT	5,000	5,000
UNRESTRICTED	108,495	75,218
	173,495	140,218
	$ 292,957	$ 226,249

APPROVED BY THE BOARD

..... President

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

	2016	2015
REVENUE		
Special projects	$ 342,496	$ 442,801
United Way of Winnipeg	318,300	321,020
Affiliation fees	833	1,139
Earned fee for service	65,507	66,253
Amortization of deferred leasehold improvements	4,514	-
Other	39,510	43,349
	771,985	864,562
EXPENSES		
Special projects	356,977	374,895
Salaries, wages and benefits	270,465	238,949
Office and maintenance	85,812	94,101
Contribution to the Boys & Girls Club of Winnipeg	-	70,000
Administration	25,431	37,440
Amortization of fixed assets	5,003	1,169
Amortization of free rent	-	(3,970)
	744,688	812,584
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR	33,277	51,978
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR	140,218	88,240
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR	$ 173,495	$ 140,218

A complete set of financial statements and Independent Auditor's Report may be obtained from the Planning Council.

Social Planning Council
of Winnipeg

***Our VISION** is for a sustainable community that is caring, just and equitable and which provides opportunities to all for better health and shared prosperity.*

***Our MISSION** is to provide leadership in improving social conditions through effective solutions, progressive public policy, community development and partnerships.*

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